

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DOCUMENTATION OF ANTIQUES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- a. the objectives of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities;
- b. whether documentation of ancient idols and sculptures under the Mission has been completed;
- c. if so, the details thereof; and
- d. if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was launched in 2007 with the objective to prepare a National database on monuments and antiquities from secondary sources and by collating antiquities available, in different formats and catalogues.

(b) to (d) So far, against an estimated 70 lakh antiquities, NMMA has, completed documentation of 3.5 lakh registered antiquities and about 5 lakh antiquities from different museums across the country. The Mission was approved for the period 2007-2012.